



News from our Headteacher Sam Barham

As we approach the end of term, I want to take a moment to thank you again for all your understanding and support during the year. Whilst the Pandemic brought with it levels of challenge, I believe this experience has also strengthened our school community; I believe this to be true because of all your kind messages of support and cooperation with all the changes we needed to make to keep the community as safe as we could. Since September, I have been proud to see our students working so well together to make all the new and necessary changes in school so effective. As you read below, Archie articulates his thoughts well on how school life has been impacted, also his thoughts on how to support one another during this time; this is wonderful to read. Like Archie, I am hoping we will settle back into some level of normality beyond the New Year. This will be my Christmas wish for all of us.

It is a good time to share with you the news we are currently looking at proposals for expanding the school. This would mean an increase in student numbers alongside an increase in building capacity. Whilst this has not yet been confirmed, we are working closely with the Local Authority in the hope it soon will be. Next term, you will be invited to give your opinions during the consultation period. I will advise when this is happening.

Christmas and New Year will no doubt feel different this year because of the rules around what we can and what we cant do. I hope whatever you have planned, you enjoy your time together and maybe even bring in a new tradition because of the changes, which if they work well, can be repeated in future years.

I do wish you the loveliest of Christmas breaks and look forward to seeing our students on Monday 4th January 2021.

Dates for Diaries

Christmas Holidays

Last day of school –Thursday 17th of December 2020

Christmas day – Friday 25th of December 2020

New Years day – Friday 1st of January 2021

First day back to school – Monday 4th of January 2021

Half Term

Last day of school – Friday 12th February 2021

First day back to school – Monday 22nd February 2021

How lockdown changed our school By Archie Manning.



When school finally opened to the public, many people (including me) enjoyed going back to school again. You can finally meet up with your friends again, learning more, the list goes on and on! However like many things, there’s a downside. There’s still restrictions to be followed, you still have to wash your hands regularly, and plus, many school trips (both educational and fun ones) have been delayed/cancelled. However we could go home early due to the lockdown, because many of the taxi’s would be earlier than usual due to the lockdown.

However the playground is now very different from how it used to be, especially now this lockdown has made it’s mark on many schools. For example: you can no longer play with people that are from different phases, or join up with them during activities on Fridays. However the school rule set is still the same as going outside: restrictions placed almost everywhere, students having to cope with social distancing, and lessons having to be shortened in the afternoon due to COVID-19. But the way things are heading for schools in general, it won’t be the same even after the lockdown has passed, but who knows? The only thing we can do right now, is to cherish what school has done for us, during lockdown and before. I hope this will help many realise the situation we’re in, and how school can help us with our doubts and our educational needs!

Also for others it can be stressful being back at school, since many students don’t want to get the virus and spread it onwards, so they might take out their stress on others. So it’s best to give them advice to help them through this odd year, and maybe they’ll realise too how school is important for us and our education. So its important not only to remember our message, but to spread it onwards to others who’ve struggled more than you have. And since it’s December, (almost Christmas time!) it’s important to spread our cheer onwards to the ones who’ve struggled the most this year, and to the NHS workers who have helped many in their plans to get rid of COVID-19 once and for all! And because of the support people have given to the key workers, and the recent vaccine coming out, there’s no doubt that Christmas time will end COVID-19 in its tracks! - Archie Manning.

For your information

Did you know that we're registered with easy fundraising and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?

Since our fundraising events are on hold, this is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for Lampard Community School - Barnstaple.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easy fundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself.

Visit our easy fundraising page to get started:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lampardschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e2

Creating an account (and shopping via it) enables a donation to be made by the stores you purchase from, to our fundraising account.

Thank you to everyone who has used the Easy Fundraising site. So far we have managed to raise **£174.19**

For more information please check out the FAQ section on the easy fundraising website or call the school office."



December 2020 Dear Parents, Your Year 9 child is now due their important routine childhood vaccinations Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY). We are also alongside this, catching up with all Year 10 pupils who did not receive their vaccinations last academic year due to Coronavirus, any consents received last year are still valid. These will take place in school by our team of qualified nurses. To consent (or decline) for your child to have this vaccination, please follow the link below. If you are not sure if you consented last year for Year 10 pupils, please consent using the same link: <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/dtp/2019/dev> on Please read the consent form carefully to ensure you have completed this as accurately as possible. This link also contains a frequently asked questions section, please take time to read this and discuss the vaccinations with your child to ensure fully informed consent. If you have any problems or queries please don't hesitate to contact us on 0300 247 0082 or email at vcl.immunisations@nhs.net Kind regards Charlotte Forward Professional Lead School Age Immunisation Service

Upper School News

Careers:

We are very pleased to announce Lampard Community School are now working towards and very much committed to **The Quality In Careers Standard**. Investor in Careers is an accredited national awarding body for The Quality in Careers Standard and will ensure our provision for careers education, information, advice and guidance is of a high standard to help support the outcomes of all our students. We feel this is a very positive step for the school and look forward to updating you all with our progress.

Miss Winter

US Textiles:

Upper School textiles group has been experimenting with a range of different textile techniques including, embroidery, batik and block printing. The school purchased a brand new sewing machine and are in the process of buying another one. Middle School students will get the chance to use the sewing machines next year in the design technology lessons.

Mrs Klingenstein

US Art:

Upper School art students have been using their iPad to create graphic art work designing their own DVD and games covers. We have 23 amazing designs, unfortunately I can only include a few.

Mrs Klingenstein



Middle School News

The Day an Astronaut Came!

We were so excited to welcome Theatre Alibi into school recently, with a performance called 'Down to Earth' - the story of Janet, an astronaut who has had enough of being in space. Feeling cooped up, missing the people she loves and fearful of the constant danger, she decided to make a run for it. In desperation, she headed for home in her little space pod. Only she got her sums horribly wrong and found herself in Lampard School's playground...!!!

In an unprecedented year, the performance offered us a valuable opportunity to support our students' well-being, as Janet's experiences will almost certainly have echoed their own. Janet, the astronaut, spent 30 minutes with every Lower and Middle School class, showing the students fascinating items she'd brought from the space station and telling them her extraordinary story. All in a Covid-secure way. We also had an added insight into Janet's space adventure with two specially created, beautiful animations which classes watched together before and after her visit. Janet's landing craft is fixed now, and she has returned to the Space Station. Students were enthralled by her performance and haven't stopped talking about it!



Middle School Project Week

The Middle School project week has had a community focus this year. Taking inspiration from the Hearts for Homes project, students have been busy writing and drawing pictures in a yellow heart, which we are delivering (in a Covid-friendly way) to residents of three local Care Homes. Each resident will not only receive a personalised message from a student to brighten up their Christmas, but each class is donating a box of hand-made decorations, too. We really enjoy seeing our students' independence and problem-solving skills grow during our project weeks, and this year has been no exception. They have had a great deal of fun designing and making Christmas items, the remainder of which will be winging their way home to you to hang, admire or even eat!



Cinderella – Middle School Pantomime 2020!

Middle School have worked really hard over the past term to put together another Lampard Christmas Pantomime! We have taken a different approach this year, due to the current climate, so each class has had their own scenes within the show and we have filmed these and put them together for the whole school to watch on the 17th December. "Oh no you haven't!" "Oh yes we have!" The students have been amazing, taking on the whole range of pantomime characters, including dames, mice, dancers – all in full costumes and make-up! Mrs White produced and directed the show, and she is very proud of all the students' hard work.



Stay Safe Online over Christmas

Staying safe online this Christmas – Advice from UK Safer Internet Centre

With technology being high on wish lists each year it is important to ensure you and your children are safe when playing with new devices. To help you over the holidays, we've set out a few top tips to help keep your household safe online.

Learn your way around

Most devices have controls to ensure children can't access content you don't want them to. These include settings for online searching, ["in-app" purchases](#), as well as screen time allowances. Once you hand over devices on Christmas morning it can be hard to get them back, so it's great to have a go on any devices you buy before handing over on the morning of the 25th! This allows you to set up any restrictions in advance and learn your way around any settings and functionalities in case your child comes to you for help!

Setting-up your devices in advance

Tablets are really popular with younger children and there are a wide range to choose from, including child-friendly and educational models. When it comes to setting up and using tablets, why not start slowly? Download games and apps you have checked out carefully. Sites such as [Net Aware](#) or [Common Sense Media](#) provide useful advice.

For mobile phones

If you have older children and are thinking about getting them a new phone for Christmas, this can pose different challenges. The warnings are evolving, having your home computer in a communal place doesn't easily apply to this modern technology. If you think about it - phones are literally mobile computers and have the power of most traditional desktop PCs. There are lots of top safety tips

Top tips for phones or tablets over the holidays

•Set boundaries

Our advice is to set some ground rules, and ensure your child understands them.

•Apply Screen Time Limits

Agree a time limit or number of games beforehand, to avoid repeated disagreements around how long your child can spend online.

•Sleep comes first

We advise phones or tablets stay out of the bedroom overnight to charge. This avoids those night time distractions.

•Ask for access

If you're concerned about something happening or want to take a look at the games and apps they are on, ask them to allow you access to the phone.

Parental controls over the holiday

As young people will be spending more time online over the holidays, why not consider setting up parental controls on your Wi-Fi? You can block access to inappropriate or adult content and set time limits which may help rein in those excessive Fortnite sessions. For advice on how to do this, [Internet Matters](#) have a great guide on [setting up parental controls](#).

If you are interested in finding out more about online safety, we have a range of resources, tips and advice on our website in the parent/carer section. Alternatively, you can email the Care and Safeguarding team on safeguarding@lampard.devon.sch.uk for more information and advice.



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